

College Community Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE: Committee members Chairwoman Claire Lewis and John Butterfield. Kyle Leinbach was absent. Borough Secretary Sara Stull and Scott Dellett Planning Director.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gettysburg College Representatives: Patti Lawson, Associate Vice President Government & Community Relations; Bill Lafferty, Associate Dean of College Life and Executive Director of Public Safety; Jennifer McCary, Assistant Dean/Director; Ted McPherson, Carlisle Street; Jim Hale representing the Gettysburg Times.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ted McPherson attended to express his concerns regarding the unfavorable impact from the quality of life that continues due to the many violations of college students. He noted of 82 days of school there are already hundreds of violations to include 150 alcohol; 40 drug with 2 arrest; 10 transports to the hospital; 2 placed in prison; 5 for sexual assaults and 10 other assaults. He went on to say this not only effects the residences but also local businesses. It also impacts Gettysburg as a destination point for visitors.

Claire Lewis asked where he got his statistics. Ted McPherson responded from the office of the College Public Safety department. John Butterfield said the Borough police works with the college safety when called upon. Bill Lafferty said he is glad that the Borough is willing to help.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Jennifer McCray gave a brief updated presentation regarding the alcohol and drug policy points system. The Points System was designed in order to provide clarity around how the College will respond to alcohol, drug and related violations. She said students meet with the appropriate student conduct administrator or hearing body in order to determine if a violation of policy did occur. Once this determination is made, the corresponding number of points and other required sanctions will be assigned. Attached is a copy of the hand out defining the points, violations and fines.

Ted McPherson said he applauds the Points System but it doesn't resolve the issues. He asked if the 2 drug arrests were expelled from school. Jennifer McCray responded both were suspended but not expelled. She also reported that Janet Riggs formed a committee to review the Points System.

Patti Lawson noted the national average younger people are drinking than years ago. She said the College Life Division is working hard to make changes. Bill Lafferty also said they are not satisfied yet with the numbers but are committed to getting better results.

Claire Lewis announced this is her last meeting and that she has enjoyed working with the committee. She said she saw progress during her time on council.

With no further business, Chair Claire Lewis announced the next meeting would be scheduled in January after the 2014 committees are formed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Claire Lewis, Committee Chair